

Mrs. Minna (Olver) Blair wrote the following letter to Margaret (Remsen) Rude on August 9, 1981:

Dear Margaret,

I'm sorry that I won't be attending the Griswold Reunion this year, as August is an unusually busy month for me.

Since I have already made one trip to Carbondale this summer, I'm urging Judy to go and represent me. She has been very busy, too, and will soon be back to her teaching job, but you may see her, as she hopes to spend a few days with Fred and Dot.

My younger son, Douglas, has retired from the United States Air Force after 29 years of service. His retirement ceremony was held at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida.

Among his service medals are the Distinguished Flying Cross, several Air Medals, Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal. His wife, Helen, was presented with Certificate of Appreciation. She has been very supportive during his career.

Next year I hope to report a new member in the family, as my grandson Rick, Bryce and Nancy's son, is to be married in November.

I have many happy memories of my summers spent on the Griswold Farm, and the Griswold Family Reunion in particular. I especially remember Aunt Hat Arnold's delicious maple sugar cake. I've never tasted anything quite like it since.

One of the highlights of each summer was the day after the reunion, when I would walk crosslots with my aunt, Rena Cowperthwaite, to clean the Grange Hall. There we would meet Josie Bunting and others and spend a pleasant day. I must admit it wasn't so much the cleaning I enjoyed as the good lunch they provided.

I'm sending a few pictures which I treasure very much*. The names are on the backs of each. Also enclosed is an envelope for their return.

Love to all my relatives, and special loving concern for you and your family.

[signed] Minna